

U.S. Senate at a time when most people his age retire and go fishing or play golf. At 65, Reverend Halverson undertook the most significant, perhaps the most difficult, task of his life—ministering to the spiritual needs of 100 U.S. Senators, their staffs, employees of the Senate and countless others who came to him for counsel and prayer. He fulfilled that mission with great honor.

I will always remember Reverend Halverson as a gracious man, a man of considerable intellect, and especially a scholar of the Old Testament and the Jewish religion, about which we had memorable conversations.

We will miss Reverend Halverson, especially in a time when partisan rancor seems so sharp and divisive here in Capitol Hill, and in a society where bedrock values like belief in God and respect for one another seem to be at such risk. His warm presence always stood in strong contrast to the trials of the moment. We have faith that he is in the embrace of a loving God.

Yet, I am confident he is praying for us still. May God bless Reverend Halverson, and may He grant his family and many friends solace from the grief we share at his passing, and confidence that life eternal is the reward for those who live to His will.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO DR. RICHARD HALVERSON

Mrs. KASSEBAUM. Mr. President, last week the Senate and the Nation lost a gifted spiritual adviser. All of us mourn the death of Dr. Richard Halverson, who served here for 14 years as Senate Chaplain before retiring last February.

As shepherd of his Senate flock, Dr. Halverson always brought strength of faith and a wealth of patience in his actions to all, whether on the floor of the Senate or to the broader national audience. For 14 years, his prayers began each of our working days and did so with spiritual substance, expecting from all of us the very best standards of conduct, understanding and commitment.

I valued his friendship as well as his spiritual leadership. I will hold a special memory of his committed caring and the twinkle in his eye.

TRIBUTE TO THE REVEREND DR. RICHARD HALVERSON

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, in one of his books, Dr. Halverson wrote, "It is foolish to say there is no God. But it is infinitely more foolish to say there is and to live as though there were not." Dr. Halverson's special grace was in his way of helping us to bridge the gap between faith and practice. As a preacher, Chaplain Halverson fought against unbelief but, as a pastor, he was equally concerned about hypocrisy.

Dick, as he was known to all of us in the Senate, loved his country, loved the Senate as an institution, but more

importantly he loved us as individual Members of the Senate. His deep caring spirit was evident in his availability at all times to attend to the needs of Senators and our families. He knew us all and, even so, managed to love us whatever our backgrounds may have been. And, not only the Senators, Dick loved the staffers, the elevator operators, the police officers, and everyone he met in the course of a day on the Hill. No one knew more people than did Dick.

His daily prayers in the Senate acted as a reality check for each of us. One morning his prayers began:

Gracious Father in Heaven, help us to keep our priorities straight. In this center of power, secondary matters have a way of pre-occupying our attention and preempting our time. Help us not to take ourselves too seriously, forgetting that we are fallible human beings with many needs. Deliver us from VIP syndrome which expects or demands preferential treatment.

It is these actions and thoughts which live on in our hearts and minds as we think of Dick. His words and love taught us much and each of us is the better for having known him. He was a special gift to us and we shall remember him.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1659. A communication from the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (for Legislative and Public Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on financial statements on the Micro and Small Enterprise Development ("MSED") Program for fiscal year 1994; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1660. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the Inspector General Act for the period April 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1661. A communication from the Executive Director of the Federal Retirement Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, audit reports issued during fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1662. A communication from the Executive Director of the Harry Truman Scholarship Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the system of internal accounting and financial controls in effect during fiscal year 1995; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1663. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports of three deferrals of budget authority; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, to the Committee on Finance, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1664. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, case number 93-02; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1665. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a statement regarding a transaction involving exports to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1666. A communication from the Executive Director of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the final report during calendar year 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1667. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the final report on the Tanker Navigation Safety Research Baseline study; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1668. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on the nondisclosure safeguards information for the quarter beginning July 1 through September 30, 1995; to the Committee on the Environment and Public Works.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-476. A resolution adopted by the Nevada League of Cities relative to the Nevada Test Site; to the Committee on Armed Services.

POM-477. A resolution adopted by the Interfaith Council to Assist Vietnamese Refugees relative to Vietnamese asylum seekers; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-478. A resolution adopted by the Greater Nashville Regional Council of Nashville, Tennessee relative to the Southern Power Administration; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

POM-479. A resolution adopted by the American Legislative Exchange Council relative to the Consumer Price Index; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on Armed Services:

The following U.S. Army Reserve officers for promotion in the Reserve of the Army to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C. sections 3371, 3384 and 12203(a):

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Jorge Arzola, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. William E. Barron, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Tommy W. Bonds, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. William N. Clark, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. George W. Goldsmith, Jr., 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Ralph L. Haynes, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. William B. Hobgood, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Curtis A. Loop, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. James M. McDougal, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. William C. Mercurio, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Evo Riguzzi, Jr., 000-00-0000.

To be brigadier general

Col. Patricia J. Anderson, 000-00-0000.
Col. William S. Anthony, 000-00-0000.
Col. David R. Bockel, 000-00-0000.
Col. Robert W. Chestnut, 000-00-0000.
Col. Richard E. Coleman, 000-00-0000.
Col. James M. Collins, Jr., 000-00-0000.